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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/634,301 | TANAKA ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>11/7/2003</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph W. Price on 05/11/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been replaced with following amended claim 1.

A combination indicator assembly for a motorcycle which comprises:

a generally arcuate analog display unit for displaying the number of revolutions of a vehicle engine; and

a generally rectangular digital display unit disposed the analog display unit, said display unit including a speedometer region and either a multifunctional mater region or a coolant temperature display region for displaying the temperature pf a coolant of the vehicle engine.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-16 is allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a combination indicator assembly for a motorcycle which comprises:

a generally arcuate analog display unit for displaying the number of revolutions of a vehicle engine; and

a generally rectangular digital display unit disposed the analog display unit, said display unit including a speedometer region and either a multifunctional mater region or a coolant temperature display region for displaying the temperature pf a coolant of the vehicle engine as claimed in claim 1.

The prior art fails t teach or suggest a compact instrument display panel for a motorcycle, having a casing assembly with a perimeter approximately defined as a pair of horizontal parallel chords dissecting a circle;

an electrically activated display unit mounted within the assembly;

an overlay member extending across the display unit and having a series of arcuate opening extending around a portion of a rectangular opening; and

a control unit for driving the display unit to illuminate the series of arcuate opening to provide an indicator of engine revolutions per unit of time and to provide numerical symbols in the rectangular opening representative of performance characteristics of the motorcycle including velocity as claimed in claim 6.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a combination indicator assembly for a motorcycle which having a casing; a generally arcuate analog display unit, in the casing, for displaying the number of revolutions of a vehicle engine; a generally rectangular digital display unit disposed inside the analog display unit, the digital display unit including a speedometer region and a display region for displaying information on the

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operation of the motorcycle; and a set of indicator lamps aligned in a curvilinear pattern adjacent a portion of a perimeter of the casing as claimed in claim 9.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7677. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H. Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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